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## Incident On H.K. Border

The "China Mail" learns from a usually reliable source that a Chinese on the Chinese side of the border was accidentally killed yesterday afternoon by a bullet fired from a British soldier's rifle.

Several versions of the incident were reported by various Chinese sources last night but no statement could be obtained from British circles.

The dead man's name is given as Cheung Tien-hsiang, 29, a native of Min-Kan To, in Pao On District, just the other side of the New Territories border.

He was alleged to have been killed after a British soldier, who had stepped onto the Siamchur railway bridge to investigate the stopping of traffic by Chinese troops, had been ordered by the Chinese to return. The British soldier's rifle, according to the report, was accidentally discharged, the bullet killing Cheung, who was on the Chinese side of the border.

The "China Mail" understands that Chinese officials from Pao On were in Hong Kong last night and had given a report on the affair to the Chinese Foreign Affairs Office.

## CANTON CHANGES TUNE

Canton, Dec. 3. "We are watching the peanut vendor case in the Hong Kong law courts, though we will not start the boycott against Hong Kong, which may hurt workers here," a labour leader who is a member of the Aid to Wang Shu-hsiang Committee, said today.

Governor Lo Chong-ying, who is in Nanking attending the National Assembly, telegraphed that the matter has been brought to the attention of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and suggested that local action by public bodies would only hurt Sino-British friendship.—Associated Press.

## NOT INTERESTED?

Washington, Dec. 2. A high bank official revealed today that Russia probably will pass the last chance to become a Charter member of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

The Russian and several other signatories have until the end of the year to sign and retain Charter membership rights.

The spokesman recalled that Russia had not joined any other specialized international organization and said there was no reason to think she would join this one.—United Press.

## Epidemic Of Bombs In Egypt

Cairo, Dec. 3. The Government maintained official silence today on the explosion of nine bombs late last night in Cairo and Alexandria, but it was known that Wafdist and Moslem Brotherhood members were suspected by the authorities.

Five bombs exploded outside five police stations and another went off in old Cairo. Three more persons were injured near the Moslem Theological Institute in Alexandria.

This terrorist outbreak followed shortly the Government statement accusing the Wafdist Party, the Moslem Brotherhood and three other groups plot blank with intent to "incite students to revolution to force the Government's resignation; Parliament's dissolution and failure of the Anglo-Egyptian negotiations."

According to reliable reports, the Egyptian Chamber of Deputies already has approved the Bevin-Sidky proposed agreement.

No official statement on the bombing will be issued until investigation is completed, but sources close to the police and public security heads, said suspects were being checked who had known connections with the Opposition parties and professional agitators known to be paid in order to promote trouble.—United Press.

Police Injured. Cairo, Dec. 3. Three policemen and three passers-by were injured when hand grenades exploded outside seven

## CRUCIAL TALKS IN LONDON

### Attlee Opens Series Of India Conferences

## Civil War Might Follow Failure

London, Dec. 3. India's political leaders and Britain's Viceroy Lord Wavell plunged into a hurried round of Cabinet level conferences today as time ran short for Prime Minister Attlee's eleventh hour effort to smooth the sub-continent's path-way to independence.

Lord Wavell, tired and worn looking after a two-day plane trip from Karachi, was the first to see Mr. Attlee and his three Cabinet experts on India. He went into a closed session at No. 10 Downing Street two hours and a half after arrival of the plane that carried him, Pandit Nehru, Mohammed Ali Jinnah and Sardar Baldev Singh of the Sikhs from India to England.

The leaders of the Indian groups rested their heads before beginning their separate talks at No. 10 Downing Street this afternoon.

Aiding Mr. Attlee in the talks were Lord Pethick Lawrence, Secretary of State for India, Sir Stafford Cripps, President of the Board of Trade, and Defence Minister Alexander A.V. Alexander. These three negotiated the India independence plan in a protracted series of conferences in India last summer.

The British leaders are seeking to persuade the Indian groups that their factions should co-operate peacefully in the first meeting of the Constituent Assembly scheduled to open at New Delhi on Dec. 9.

Because Nehru has Mr. Attlee's promise that he will be given facilities to return to India this week-end, the British effort must be completed before Saturday. An India Office spokesman said as the sessions started today that the talks were "crucial." Other authoritative sources have said that failure to settle the differences might be followed by civil war in India.

Nehru was next on the schedule to see Mr. Attlee, and while they talk, Jinnah will confer with Lord Pethick Lawrence. The two sessions were set for 1430 GMT.

Singh will see Mr. Attlee at 1700 GMT while Lord Pethick Lawrence interviews Nehru.

Jinnah, whose Moslem League has refused to join the Constituent Assembly, will have his interview with Mr. Attlee at 1730 GMT.—Associated Press.

Strictly Private. London, Dec. 3. Today's talks are strictly private.

## BOMB HOLD-UP IN TELAVIV

Jerusalem, Dec. 3.

Three men were injured—one fatally—when gunmen threw three severe bombs in the main street of Tel-Aviv today to cover up a robbery. In a daring daylight hold-up, robbers got away with \$16,000 from the cashier of the Polish Refugee Relief Fund. The dead man was later reported to be one of the gunmen.

A police announcement later said that the holdup was unsuccessful and that the cashier's money was intact.—Reuter.

## Battleship Of The Future

London, Dec. 3.

Battleships of the future may be smaller than they are today and resemble surfaced submarines in appearance, according to Rear-Admiral H. G. Thursfield, writing in "Brasserie Naval Annual for 1946."

The atomic bomb and rocket weapons are likely to bring about such a tendency, he suggests, pointing out that heavy ships are not needed to launch terrific rocket bombardments. Formerly, he says, the design of a battleship was governed by the size of her principal armaments; but rockets, having no recoil, can be launched from comparatively light vessels.

Though Admiral Thursfield anticipates changes, he says "the atomic bomb is, in fact, nothing but a bigger and better bomb," and "there is no reason to accept the prophecy" that it is "likely to have any great influence on the design of battleships."

Nothing happened in World War II, he states, to justify the abandonment of sea force, though it is not yet possible to predict exactly what form the successors to present battleships will take.—Associated Press.

## U.S. Steamer Hits Lighthouse

Copenhagen, Dec. 3.

The 7,607-ton American steamer "Blue Island Victory" rammed the Drogden Lighthouse off Copenhagen yesterday morning, tearing a 13-foot hole in her hull.

The lighthouse was severely damaged and put out of action. The vessel, which was returning from Gdynia, Poland, where she had taken a cargo of horses from the United States, put in at Copenhagen for repairs.—Associated Press.

## SOLDIER KILLED BY MINE

Jerusalem, Dec. 3.

It was officially announced that a British soldier was killed and two others seriously injured when a mine exploded near Benyamina early this morning.

The announcement added that the explosion was caused by two electrically detonated charges which were set nine yards apart at the road side.—Associated Press.

## CHARGE DENIED

Tientsin, Dec. 3.

Chinese officials of the Changchun Railroad Administration at Mukden deny Soviet Embassy charges that Russian employees were mistreated.

The railroad officials, in a statement, said: "The Soviet staff's treatment is the best they live in the best houses. Some show relaxation in their work, but none is prevented from carrying out his duty."—Associated Press.

## Plane Crashes In Vosges

Belfort, Dec. 3.

A total of 13 persons are feared to have been killed in the crash of a French Army transport plane which fell late yesterday near the Ballon d'Alsace peak in the Vosges Mountains.

The Gendarmerie said a second party it had sent out this morning, after operations were cut short on Monday by nightfall had extricated twelve charred bodies from the wreckage.

The plane was believed to be flying from Germany and, if properly identified had 13 passengers listed aboard.

Flying over the Vosges in a storm, it was apparently caught in air currents over a point known as the Trou de la Chaudière. It could not even be identified by the would-be rescue party.—Associated Press.

## Bulgarian Troop Moves

Athens, Dec. 3.

An authoritative Greek source asserted today that there was a concentration of Bulgarian military equipment in quantities disproportionate to her needs along the Greek-Bulgarian frontier near the Turkish border.

Only a few days ago, the Greek Command at Salonika announced that it would start "mopping up" operations against guerrillas in Thrace, and some action is reported there.

Greek mobile equipment is reported to have been seen moving east towards the juncture of the Turkish-Bulgarian border.—Associated Press.

## Zilliacus' Past Story

London, Dec. 2.

Konni Zilliacus, one of the leaders of the intra-Party labour revolt against the Government, today charged in the House of Commons that the Anglo-American Military Staffs had reached an oral agreement on most aspects of a ten-year plan for joint defence against Russia in the event of another war.

Zilliacus claimed his information came from military and other sources. He added that agreement was reached on, firstly, standardisation of weapons; secondly, uniform training methods; thirdly, interchange of military intelligence.

He declared that the British had already agreed to share their bases with the United States, but the United States were building at sharing their Western Pacific bases with Britain. He claimed it was agreed that Britain would absorb the "initial shock" of any new war while the United States mobilised industry.—United Press.

## OUR EMPIRE BUILDERS

London, Dec. 3.

More than 1,500,000 Scots—better than a quarter of the country's present population—have migrated from Scotland during the last 30 years, according to the 1944 report of the Registrar General issued today.

During the 30 years Scotland's population increased by 370,000 with 10,250,000 births against 6,500,000 deaths. During 1944 infant mortality fell to 65 per thousand, and maternal mortality to 8.05 per 1,000—the lowest rates ever recorded.—United Press.

London, Dec. 3.

In the London Challenge Cup final at Highbury, West Ham today beat Crystal Palace by three goals to two.—Reuter.

## Tried To Kiss Film Star

London, Dec. 3.

It was just like a movie—Laurence Olivier and his wife Vivien Leigh, hero and heroine of so many stage and screen epics, were dining cosily when suddenly the villain appeared on the scene and punched the handsome star right in the face.

The man who played the villain, Herbert Wanson, 23, teacher and disappointed actor, admitted freely in the West London Magistrate's Court today that he sought—Olivier between the soup course and the roast.

He also admitted trying to kiss beautiful Miss Leigh, star of "Come With the Wind."

This time Olivier was first to the punch and Wanson staggered off. The police were summoned and were taking a statement when Wanson raced in through the front door and belied the star about the face and head before the police could intervene. Then he punched one of the cops.

Olivier's injuries were such that he was not ready to leave with the rest of his company and his hand—damaged by a real and not a stage punch—had to be bandaged.

"I committed these offences deliberately because I have been very badly treated by the Old Vic Company," Wanson testified. "I decided I could be a very good actor but they would not give me a chance. I thought they might change their minds through this publicity."

Wanson's case was adjourned to Dec. 10.—United Press.

## MONTY IN ATHENS

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## Human Flesh As Sausage Meat

Budapest, Dec. 3.

Sopron police disclosed today that seven persons were arrested on Sunday accused of murdering two policemen and making sausage meat of their flesh.

The police said all seven admitted their guilt and one confessed that the bodies were cut up, boiled and prepared for sale after the policemen had been killed some weeks ago for political motives.

The police said the seven were members of a gang, organised by escaped German SS men, which committed murders as part of the Nazi underground movement.

The persons arrested were Josef Fekete, Josef Toth, Zoltan Babos, Ernest Babos, Josef Babos and his wife, and Josef Szeged.

Two detectives investigating the case just escaped being ambushed and meeting a similar fate, the police said.

The Sopron police director Janos Hegedus said human meat was sold at five forins per kilogram (per pound).

The French Army news service reported that at least 12 persons had been slain and their bodies sold as sausage on the black market. The agency added that at least 80 persons, including five women, have been arrested.

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## RED NUCLEAR SCIENTISTS

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## CHINA PEACE SPECULATION

Nanking, Dec. 3.

Dr. Sun Fo, President of the Legislative Yuan, who issued a statement saying that Government still was hoping that the Communists would negotiate for peace, caused a wave of speculation today whether special envoy Gen. George Marshall and U.S. Ambassador Leighton Stuart were seeking new means of settlement of the civil war.

Informed quarters believed the American mediators were marking time until the National Assembly is concluded and until Yenan makes a definite stand on whether it will welcome continued American mediation.

The Ta Kang Pao revived the report that Marshall would be returning to the United States, claiming that the presidential envoy plans to reach home before Christmas but that prior to leaving he hoped to make a last peace effort.

However, it appeared nothing can be done until the National Assembly concludes its work in adopting the constitution and negotiations can then start on the new basis laid down by Gen. Chou En-lai in Yenan.

Marshall's recent frequent consultations with President Chiang Kai-shek also were causing speculation on whether he is trying to revive the peace talks.

## Reds Silent

Communist quarters in Nanking express no opinion on a revival of the peace talks, claiming that Generalissimo Chiang was still determined to wipe out the Communist armies by force—the capturing of Yenan as soon as convenient—but earlier had expressed willingness to negotiate if the chance was given them.

Chinese newspapers claim that Marshall and Stuart were closely watching the Assembly proceedings, hoping that the party constitution draft—revised by the Political Consultative Council which was attended by all the parties—rather than the original 1936 draft, now known as the May 5 draft.

Such an act, it was said, would have a mollifying effect on the Communists even though the Reds regard the current Assembly as a trap.

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## XMAS TURKEY FOR BRITAIN

London, Dec. 3.

Minister of Food John Strachey told the House of Commons today that shipments of Elze and Argentine turkeys should guarantee Britons plenty of Christmas gobblers.—United Press.

## Zone Merger Agreement

New York, Dec. 2.

Mr. Bevin and Mr. Byrnes will sign the Anglo-American German zone merger agreement tonight if the British Cabinet approval of the final text is received in time.

The British compromise plan proposed that Britain should not be committed to pay all her 50 per cent contribution towards the 1,000,000,000 dollar bill over the next three years in dollars. It is understood, however, she is prepared to expend over half her allocation in dollars. This would mean an additional tax of over \$225,000,000 on Britain's slender "hard money" resources in the critical period ahead.—Reuter.

## THE WEATHER

A strong anticyclone is stationary over China and the adjacent seas. A depression to the E. of Hokkaido is moving northward. A trough of low pressure extends southwestward from it to the S of Japan. Pressure remains low over the equatorial region.

Today's Forecast: E. and NE winds, fresh offshore, moderate onshore. Fine with morning haze.

Yesterday's weather: Maximum: 68 deg. Fah. Minimum: 64.2 deg. Fah. Max. Rel. Humidity: 65 per cent. Sunshine: 10 hours. Rainfall: Nil.

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## Meaning Of Beer Bottle

Three Chinese merchants were charged before Mr. F. X. d'Almada yesterday, with illegal export of 9,120 bottles packed in 190 cases and filled with soy and fish sauce on board "four junks" in harbour on November 29.

Defendants were To Yau-mui, who had 40 cases containing 1920 bottles filled with fish sauce, Lam Ying-chun, who had 50 cases and Hui Hung-chun, who had 100 cases, containing 4800 bottles.

Mr. D. L. Strellett appeared for the defence, while Revenue Officer Humphreys prosecuted. It was stated that revenue officers raided the junks on information.

Mr. Strellett submitted that the regulations were not clear. He had a report in the Chinese press which was incorrect and misinterpreted the regulations. According to this report, only empty beer bottles were prohibited. The bottles which belonged to his clients were packed several months ago, long before the regulation was enforced.

Mr. Strellett added:—"This matter should be taken up and the regulations clarified and as regards their application to beer bottles, they should be modified. The crux of the whole thing appears to be the meaning of a beer bottle. I am not suggesting that this Court define that; that is up to the legislature."

Mr. Strellett suggested that a caution would meet the case. Mr. d'Almada said that he appreciated the difficulties of the merchants. In his opinion, a beer bottle should be defined in such a manner to make it clear. In the present cases, the bottles contained fish sauce; and therefore could not come under Government Notification No. 238 in respect of empty bottles.

All defendants were cautioned.

## Traffic Offender

George Foulard, of No. 2, May Road, was summoned before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at the Central Magistracy yesterday, for three breaches of Traffic Regulations on October 22.

He was summoned for driving in a closed road, driving on the outside of the road in Connaught Road Central and without a rear light.

Traffic Sub-Inspector Hadden who prosecuted, said about 7 p.m., when driving in Connaught Road Central, he saw defendant driving the same vehicle on the wrong side of the road, and coming straight towards his car.

Defendant was fined \$100.

## MORE SUSPECTS FOR H.K.

Tokyo, Dec. 3. SCAP's legal section announced today the transfer of two Japanese from Sugamo to Hong Kong and three to Manila for war crimes trials.

The two for Hong Kong were Vice-Admiral Naomasa Sakonji and Former Captain Haruo Mayuzumi.

The three to Manila were Maj. Gen. Ichiro Morimoto, Capt. Lichi Miyamoto and Lt. Col. Shishitaro Yoshinaga—Associated Press.

# LADY YOUNG AT GIRLS' SCHOOL SPEECH DAY

The first post-war Annual Speech Day of the Ying Wah Girls School was held at the Hop Yai Church yesterday in the presence of a large gathering. Lady Young distributed the certificates to successful students who, at the end of the ceremony, handed her a beautiful basket of flowers.

## Rotary Talk On China

"Glimpses of war-time Szechuen" was the subject of an interesting talk given by Professor Ma Kiam at yesterday's Rotary Club luncheon.

Prof. Ma was with Hong Kong University before the war, and when the Japanese occupied Hong Kong he left for the interior and spent the next three years in Szechuen.

Szechuen had a known history of over 2,000 years, said Prof. Ma, and because of its richness in natural resources and food, had long been known as the "treasury of heaven". Its natural barriers and geographical position made its defence ideal in the olden days, and when Chiang Kai-shek chose Chungking for its wartime capital, these factors were probably not without weight.

The war brought western influence on the province and today titles like Chungking and Chengtu have become modernised, but traces of an old civilisation are still evident everywhere.

The speaker was thanked by Rotarian Davis who during the war years had spent some time in Szechuen.

Visiting Rotarians welcomed at yesterday's luncheon were A. A. Rajanans from Siam and Bishop Harward from Canton. Guests present were Messrs. C. Crofton, D. Nicholson, H. W. Mills, Charles Laseby and Sydney W. Leong.

## VEGETABLE PRICES

The following retail prices per catty were quoted at the Government Wholesale Vegetable Market yesterday:

	Quality	Average
Spring Beans	22.24	21.95
French Beans	20.70	20.53
Chinese Flowering Cabbages	42.25	42.10
Chinese White Cabbages	22.15	22.05
Leaf Mustard Cabbages Large	22.15	22.05
do Small	21.15	21.05
Cabbage Round	22.15	22.05
Cabbage Flathead	22.15	22.05
Cauliflower	42.25	42.10
Celery	42.25	42.10
Chinese Chives	44.25	44.10
Chinese Flowering Cabbages	42.25	42.10
All Condiment Plants	22.15	22.05
Kale Chives	30.25	30.10
Leeks	20.70	20.53
Lettuce all kind	18.15	18.05
Lotus Rhizome	57.25	57.10
Matrimony Vine	52.25	52.10
Onion Spring	15.15	15.05
Kashih Horse	42.25	42.10
Splashes all kind	42.25	42.10
Water Cress	72.25	72.10
Water Oak	30.25	30.10
Prinial or Egg Plant	35.25	35.10
Cabbage Salt Mustard	42.25	42.10
Carrots	60.25	60.10
Chillies Red	120.25	120.10
Chillies Green	24.25	24.10
Cucumbers Green	21.25	21.10
Ginger Old	42.25	42.10
Ginger Stem	30.25	30.10
Halcy Squash	35.25	35.10
Hole Table	35.25	35.10
Potatoes Green	20.25	20.10
Potatoes Sweet	16.25	16.10
Pumpkins	07.25	07.10
Taro	20.25	20.10
Tomatoes Green	24.25	24.10
Tomatoes Red	30.25	30.10
Turnip Chinese	13.25	13.10
Yam Big	26.25	26.10
Yam Small	28.25	28.10

## Government Thanked

After recounting the School's activities, social and otherwise, Miss Chan said that Miss D. M. Shilton, B.Sc., the headmistress, returned to the Colony on Oct. 14, 1945, and resumed charge of the School.

Thanks were then expressed to all those who had helped to make the School's rehabilitation possible, including the Education Department, the Rev. H.P. Bunton, the Rev. Cheung Chuk Ling, the teaching staff, and many others, not the least of whom being the parents of students who evinced such faith in the School.

Next to speak was the Rev. H. P. Bunton, the School's headmaster, who expressed thanks for Government's generosity in agreeing to bear half the cost of reconstruction of the School premises, and also for the financial assistance given to it under the grant-in-aid system.

It was necessary, said Mr. Bunton, to clear up a misunderstanding which seemed to exist in the mind of teachers and parents, as a result of the School receiving this aid. It was a condition of such grant that all teachers employed must be approved by Government, but apart from that the School was free to pursue its own ideas without control from Government.

## Fine Job

Lady Young congratulated the School, especially the mistress in charge, for accomplishing a fine job of work, and said it was most gratifying to note the tone of confidence which was evident throughout the School report. At this time when trust and confidence were so much needed in the world, the example set by Ying Wah was most heartening.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by the headmistress, Miss D. M. Shilton.

## Dumping Of Debris

In order to stop unauthorised dumping of debris, Government has decided to issue free permits to dump building debris and other approved material at authorised Government Dumps.

The authorised dumps in Hong Kong are at Tsat Tse Mui, south of Island Road between Aberdeen and Little Hong Kong and at Wanchai Gap. In Kowloon there are situated at Cheung Sha Wan, Carpenter Road and Kung Tong.

A Government spokesman said that all persons wishing to dispose of debris should apply to the Director of Public Works, Lower Albert Road, who would issue free permits.

He warned that any persons dumping in unauthorised places in the future will be prosecuted.

## Clothing Centre Busy

A total of 1,659 women and children of different nationalities have received clothing in the five-day period between last Monday and Friday from the Clothing Distributing Centre of the Hong Kong Social Welfare Council at Jardine's Godown at East Point.

An average of 30 lady volunteers are at work daily at the Centre, attending to hundreds of persons presenting a free distribution card obtainable from the H.K. Social Welfare Council.

According to Mrs. T. M. Hazlerigg, officer in charge of the Centre, 14,448 pieces of clothing, weighing 70 tons, were distributed to 1,659 callers during the five-day period.

The clothing is composed of jacket, skirt, slacks, dress, jersey, blouse, underwear, hose, nightwear, footwear, overcoat, and miscellaneous. Most of the clothing available is of summer and light type.

As there are not enough helpers at the Centre, the first period of distribution was entirely allocated to women and children. It is hoped that distribution of clothing to men may be commenced tomorrow.

According to the schedule, 200 tons of clothing of various types will be distributed by the Centre.

## Money Mart

Yesterday was another bearish day for Piastres which opened at \$17.15 per 100. It went down to \$16.45 from where it recovered, closing at \$16.65.

Gold was firm, opening at \$321 a tad. Fluctuations ranged from \$318 to \$323.25; and at the close it was \$322.

Chinese National Currency was again quiet. Futures remained stationary at 81½ cents per CN\$1,000. Spot closed at \$1.09½.

U.S. dollars were firmer at \$4.83. Sterling was at \$15.42, and Australian pounds at \$12.53, both buyers.

## Sh'hai Exchange

Shanghai, Dec. 3. Closing quotations on the Shanghai market today were as follows:

	Buying	Selling
CNS	274,000	275,000
U.S. Dollar	4,750	4,850
Hong Kong Dollar	950	970

## NAAFI MOBILE CANTEN

It was announced by the President of No. 5 War Crimes Court yesterday that under Army Orders, only Navy, Army and Air Force personnel were entitled to make purchases at the NAAFI Mobile Canteen which has been calling at the War Crimes Court recently. Neither civilians nor any of the Japanese War Crimes personnel were entitled to the privilege of making purchases at this Canteen.

## 500,000 Reds In Manchuria

Nanking, Dec. 3. Government reports allege the Communists have concentrated over half a million troops in Central Manchuria for an attack on Yungki (Kirin) and then on Changchun, 90 miles west.

Communist military and political headquarters have moved from Harbin to the far northeast, the Central News Agency said.

Crack Red troops were reported to have shifted from Harbin to Shulan, 125 miles northeast of Changchun. The others which have been attacking Government forces in Nungang were said to have been withdrawn toward the Yungki sector.

Government leaders were watching these developments closely but semi-official sources said: "We will not fire the first shot."

As Chiang's troops continued to clean up the Liaotung Peninsula in southern Manchuria, reports reaching Peiping accused the Communists of stripping the industrial section of Dairen. These reports were entirely without confirmation and carried only by the pro-Government press—Associated Press.

## SOVIET CRITIC OF KUOMINTANG

Moscow, Dec. 3. The Soviet commentator, M. Marinin, today expressed the view in "Pravda" that the Kuomintang is incapable of coping alone with internal Chinese affairs and added that he feared the consequences of the promulgation of a "Democratic Constitution"—Associated Press.

## HARBOUR OFFICE NOTICE

### Arrival Reports

It is notified for general information that commercially operated vessels should no longer communicate their E.T.A. to the Commodore-in-Charge, but should confine reports to their owners or agents.

2. Should they be carrying large quantities of service stores, the fact should be mentioned in the report referred to, above.

J. JOLLY, Harbour Master.

HARBOUR OFFICE, Hongkong, 2nd December, 1946.

## Emmanuel Church

218, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

### Evangelistic Service

Every Wednesday at 8 p.m.

Speaker, this Wednesday, Mrs. Lechmere Cliff.

## Victoria Dry-Cleaning & Dyeing Co.

### RESUME BUSINESS

Experts for 20 years. 39 Nathan Road, Kowloon. (pre-war at 50 Nathan Rd.)

## NOTICE TO VEHICLE OWNERS

Police arrangements for the arrival of H.M.S. Victorious on 5th December at about 9 a.m.

1. On the arrival of H.M.S. Victorious on 5th December, 1946 estimated to take place at 9 a.m., the following roads will be temporarily closed to traffic during the landing of passengers.

(a) Connaught Road from Thomas Cooks' Building to junction of Jackson Road, North corner of Hongkong Club.

(b) Wardley Street from Queen Victoria Statue to Connaught Road.

(c) Only vehicles issued with white cards bearing a number will be allowed to enter and park East, West of Queen's Pier.

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### THE SQUEEZE

The various shifts to which Government officers have been put in their efforts to find accommodation for the families arriving in H.M.S. Victorious and the Arundel Castle will, no doubt, succeed in their purpose. Somehow everybody will be squeezed in somewhere and the impression will be given that another accommodation crisis has been survived. We may take it, too, that those who are supposed to be concerned with housing rehabilitation, as distinct from quarantining, will sink back in relief and placidly leave the primary job to Providence and individual initiative, meanwhile recommending the new arrivals to consider themselves fortunate to have even a room to go to. If this is an attitude that satisfies the Government, the Colony may well give itself up to despair. Not a single one of Government's easy assurances on re-housing has been implemented, and every effort to obtain authoritative information regarding the activities of the Director of Building Rehabilitation has been sidetracked on one pretext or another. As far as can be seen, Government is prepared to concern itself only with meeting its obligations to civil servants, unless public opinion becomes sufficiently expressive. Hundreds of Hong Kong residents sacrificed their homes and all they possessed in defence of this Colony. It is an ill reward that Government now offers. What seems to be required is an organisation on the lines of the Hong Kong Volunteer Association to make representations on all aspects of the aftermath.

### SHANGHAI

Whether the trouble was due to political agitation, as alleged by the Mayor of Greater Shanghai, or to a wave of reaction to official attempts to regiment the plague of hawkers in Shanghai, it is welcome news that serious rioting has ended. The cessation suddenly, after episodes leading to thirty police casualties and more than sixty civilians seriously injured, seems to have been brought about partly by a display of strong military force and partly by the onset of a severe cold wave. Mayor Wu has highly commended the police on their restraint in the face of great provocation and all the evidence supports the official view. For a considerable time, the situation was dangerously out of control and patience must have been taxed to its extreme limit. Behind all the trouble, of course, is an economic depression which is bearing heavily on all sections of the community in Shanghai. In the past fortnight there has been an increase of 200 per cent. in tram and bus fares, 100 per cent. in the cost of light and power, and an average increase of 50 per cent. in foodstuffs. On top of this, there are bitter complaints regarding the pressure of municipal taxes, provoking one Chinese to write to the "North China Daily News" declaring: "We are compelled to pay unreasonable and Nazi-like taxes, many times more than were paid under the Japs and Wang Ching-wei." Comparisons of this kind show the temper of the community, presenting a situation that cannot be allowed to drift.

### POTSDAM PLEDGE NOT KEPT

London, Dec. 1. The politically conservative newspaper "Observer" today reported from Warsaw that Russia had not delivered a single item under the Potsdam pledge to give Poland 15 per cent. of industrial equipment received as reparations from Germany. The report said 19 small ships—the only items so far earmarked for reparations to Poland—had not yet been received. It said Poland had agreed to accept over US\$10,000,000 worth of German consumer goods instead of machinery—United Press.

## Xmas Comes Early To West End

London's West End is crowded-out with early Christmas shoppers.

Every day now thousands of women, many of them with children under school age, flock to the West End from the suburbs and the Home Counties towns in search of Christmas bargains.

The "invasion" begins between 10 and 10.30 a.m. when the recently restored cheap-day shoppers' trains start to disgorge their loads at the London termini.

It goes on without a break until between 4 and 4.30 p.m. when women shoppers hurry off to catch their "last" train before the cheap tickets are suspended for the business rush hour.

By MURIEL PENN

Even the lunch hour brings no respite for the harassed shop assistants. For while the women go off to stand in queues for a seat in the restaurant, their places are taken by men who throng the sports, gardening, or toy—especially toy—departments during their lunch hour.

Not in seven years has the West End seen such crowds. Not in seven years have the shops had such a display of gifts, useful and useless, novel or purely decorative, as they have for this first non-austerity Christmas.

But not every who comes to the West End come to buy. For every buyer there are probably at least three "window shoppers" outside and perhaps two or three "counter-shoppers" inside. But nevertheless, all the shops report greatly increased volume of trade in spite of the fact that "control" still hamper buying of such popular stock gifts as gloves and handkerchiefs for which precious clothing coupons must be given up.

Whether Christmas buying this year will prove to be an all-time record, it is too early yet to tell. But it is quite certain that the "Christmas rush" has begun much earlier this year than was usual before the war. The manager of one big, popular store summed it up when he said: "People realise that they must buy now if they want to buy at all. For no one can tell what will be left by the middle of December."

But British housewives are not worrying for the moment about December. They are too busy enjoying an orgy of buying such as they have not been able to indulge in since before the war.

Nor do they feel guilty about not putting their money into National Savings—which of course are showing a drop on the war years—or even being extravagant, because the vast majority of them are buying things they really need, things which they have not been able to buy for at least four years and which are just now coming back on the market as British industry switches over from war to peace.

Such things range from the humble 6d dish scourer—it is at least four years since the last satisfactory one disappeared from British shops—to aluminium saucepans of all sizes and shapes, frying pans, kettles—there are even a few of the whistling sort to be had by the housewives who "happens" along just as they have been unpicked—electric iron, electric fires, alarm clocks, bathroom fittings and a thousand and one other things that need re-buying from time to time even in the best regulated households—to say nothing of those hundreds of homes which suffered severe damage in the blitzes. So the British housewives are on a shopping spree—buying for Christmas for herself, for her house, for her friends. But most of all she is at present buying for the children.

The most crowded of all the shops are those which have special toy displays, with attractions for the children in the form of Father Christmas and specially laid-out working models of mechanical toys. In these, special non-stop lifts nicknamed "Toyland Express" take crowds of men, women and children up and down all day long.

Judging by the early buyers, books, too, are going to be a popular gift this year. All book departments report heavy buying, again specially of children's books. Publishers have certainly made a great effort to cater for youthful and keen-eyed readers with numerous new editions of old favourites, as well as entirely new publications of wide appeal to all ages. One such, aimed at the younger reader though with a wide

appeal also for older folk and entitled "The Heart of a Nation," is one of the best—and cheapest—books on London which have appeared for a long time.

This story of London, told in selected plates and engravings of the City's historic monuments and landmarks, will undoubtedly find many readers also among those who, on leave or on duty, come to know the British capital in its drab wartime dress rent with gaping bomb holes.

Even today's shopper has one sharp reminder of those six years of dismal blackout and wailing sirens. Inside the shops, gaily decorated and brightly lit are full of festivity and an unwelcome air of luxury. But when she steps out to take her train home, the British housewife finds herself in streets which are still less than half lit and lined with shops whose windows are without any lighting at all.

The need to save fuel has "conquered" the after-dark festivity of a pre-war Christmas.

### CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"He says it's impossible for anyone with a voice like mine to be a wrong number!"

### "SECRET MISSIONS"

## The Practice Of Espionage

Just before V-J Day, a strange open letter appeared in the Washington Post explaining to the Japanese what "unconditional surrender" meant and disabusing their minds of the "inter destruction" fears that their militarists still were seeking to implant.

Informed circles immediately spotted the letter as something out of the ordinary, as in fact, an official communiqué designed to be picked up and communique to Tokyo, and fingers began to point to Captain Ellis M. Zacharias, of the United States Naval Intelligence, then assigned to the Office of War Information.

Zacharias had been trying for some time, using information gathered during many years, to reach the Japanese through psychological warfare. Revelations by Japanese after the war and of the Pearl Harbour investigation soon had people talking about him as one of the major factors—along with atom bombs, Superfortresses, Halcyon and Mitscher's carriers, Nimitz, MacArthur and submarine experts—in avoiding an invasion of Japan.

Now Zacharias has written "Secret Missions," a book which makes its appearance today that is a most interesting contribution to postwar understanding of how things go in this world and a warning of the necessity for improved peace

time military intelligence. He goes back long before the war for incidents of Japanese, German and Russian espionage in America, and describes years of work which, he contends, led

### REVIEW BY ROY ROBERTS

up to an accurate analysis of the Japanese intentions in 1941 which, had it not been more or less ignored, might have prevented Pearl Harbour.

But, although Zacharias never mentions the subject himself, the book also contains some lessons on a very likely current problem. The United States has proposed to yield secrets of atomic power to international control whenever an effective inspection system has been set up to prevent its military use. The problem of military inspection is inherent in other issues before the United Nations. The British have just failed to get it used as check on veracity of forthcoming reports on size and deployment of armies. It is obviously it is going to be one of the restraints in whatever peace machinery that is involved.

Molotov's recent statement accepting the principle of an international inspection machine

cry, along with other statements in this field, make it certain that it will be one of the prime factors in the discussions.

Zacharias' story serves to emphasize the necessity for extreme care before the safety of the United States is left to international inspection. He apparently makes the point unwittingly and drives it home oddly enough while quoting Franz von Rintelen, famous prewar Nazi German secret agent, on general practices of espionage.

Von Rintelen, says Zacharias, once pointed out that the United States in those days, made virtually no effort to hide its military developments, but added, and this is the point of such significance to planners of international inspection systems: "The United States is too vast...with developments going on at distances of thousands of miles inter-related as they are and requiring simultaneous observation...It would require hundreds of highly qualified agents...and no intelligence service can afford to concentrate such a huge army...in any one country."

Von Rintelen also pointed out that peacetime military activity bears little relation to sudden developments and expansions of wartime, and concluded that ultimate failure is always the lot of espionage in the United States.

America is not unique in these respects—among areas which will be subject to any international inspection plans.

Vienna, Dec. 3.

All the assets of 11 oil companies in the American zone of Austria, wholly or partially German-owned, have been turned over to the trusteeship of the Austrian Federal Government.—Associated Press.

## MOLOTOV GLAMOUR BOY

By JOHN HIGHTOWER

Vyacheslav Molotov has hunched shoulders which probably come from long hours and years of leaning over conference tables.

He has a fierce, jutting chin, suitable for a prize fighter and a small moustache that looks anything but pugilistic. His hair is thin and his manner usually is brusque.

The gentleman from Moscow does not look the part, but undoubtedly he is the glamour boy of the Big Four Ministers conferences in and around New York. He always draws the big crowds. Molotov has something which James F. Byrnes, the American Secretary of State, lacks almost entirely, and Ernest Bevin, British Foreign Minister has only in a limited degree. It is his flair for high drama in oratory, an ability to preach politics as other men preach religion and an unfailing capacity for springing the unexpected.

Byrnes brings to diplomacy a kind of Senatorial calm. In the Foreign Ministers Council chamber in New York, he frequently addresses Molotov across the big round conference table as "my good friend, Mr. Molotov." His voice is likely to be level and softened with South Carolina accents, but it is no longer the voice of a compromiser as he described himself in his first months after he became Secretary of State in the summer of 1945. Those who admire his present firm line toward Molotov say that no man ever learned so much about foreign affairs in so short time.

Bevin, a great bear of a man, who looks at least as belligerent as Molotov and sometimes has met the Russian's calculated moves with a terrible flaring answer, gets along well with Byrnes. A hearty man, he loves a good joke or story. These seldom enter into the Big Four talks, but occasionally Bevin will josh Molotov. When the latter is blocking a final agreement, reminding him, "We've got to get home sometime."

Byrnes and Molotov also have a standing joke formula. After they have argued a long time on an issue and a compromise formula has about been reached, Byrnes often will say: "he has made many concessions, and is happy at last to be over on the side of Molotov. The Soviet diplomat is likely to retract, often with considerable accuracy—that Byrnes is on the Russian side, because it had moved about 90 percent of the distance to meet the American view."

Molotov appears to have a highly flexible diplomacy. Western diplomats contend this is because it can be manoeuvred without detailed regard to Russian public opinion and without necessarily altering the long-range foreign policy of the Soviet Union.  
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# FRANCO TOLD TO QUIT American Resolution At Lake Success

## Talked Enough, Says Dr. Lange

Lake Success, N.Y. Dec. 2.  
The United States representative called on General Franco to resign and to allow the Spanish Provisional Government to hold a general election when the debate on Spain opened in the United Nations Political Committee today. The resolution introduced by Senator Tom Connally read: "The people of the United Nations have several times condemned the Franco regime in Spain and have decided that as long as that regime remains Spain may not be admitted to the United Nations."

"Therefore, the General Assembly is convinced that the Franco Fascist Government of Spain, which was imposed by force upon the Spanish people with the aid of the Axis powers in war, does not represent the Spanish people and its continued control of Spain is making impossible participation of the Spanish people in the United Nations—recommends that the Franco Government of Spain be debarred from membership in international agencies set up at the initiative of the United Nations and from participation in conference or other activities which may be arranged by the United Nations or by these agencies until a new and acceptable Government is formed in Spain."

"To achieve that and General Franco should surrender the powers of Government to a provisional Government broadly representative of the Spanish people, committed to respect freedom of speech, religion and assembly, and the prompt holding of an election in which the Spanish people are free from force and intimidation and regardless of party may express their will, and invites the Spanish people to establish the eligibility of Spain for admission to the United Nations."

Dr. Oscar Lange, Polish delegate, said that international tension created by the existence and activities of the Franco regime continue and become more dangerous by the very prolongation of their duration.

**Action Needed**  
"We have talked enough about the subject. With rare unanimity we have heaped moral condemnation upon moral condemnation on the Franco regime. Moral condemnation is not enough. What we need is action," declared Dr. Lange.

"It has been sometimes argued that positive action by the United Nations would only strengthen the Franco regime. I do not know from where those who argue this way derive their information. What strengthens the Franco regime is not action or threat of action by the United Nations, but the conviction that the United Nations do not intend to act," said the Polish delegate.—Reuter.

## Jewish Appeal For Funds

Basel, Dec. 2.  
Jewish Zionist leaders are expected to seek authority at the World Zionist Congress opening here on December 9 to appeal to Jews all over the world for voluntary contribution of \$14,000,000 for development work in Palestine.

The Foundation Fund has provided two-thirds of the Jewish Agency's income since the summer of 1939.

In that period the Agency's income was \$15,800,000, leaving it with a deficit of \$1,700,000 after the expenditure of \$17,500,000 in Palestine, according to figures recently disclosed by Eliezer Kaplan, the Agency's treasurer.—Reuter.

## DACCA OUTRAGE

Dacca, Dec. 2.

Rioters armed with daggers entered the Government Intermediate College here this afternoon and stabbed the college's principal, Dr. Parimal Roy, and a professor, Dr. Purnendu Chakravarty. Both were taken to hospital.

Another armed band raided the house of Rai Bahadur Das, member of the Council of State (Upper House of the Indian Central Legislature) and stabbed his 60-year-old sister to death.

With rioters roaming streets, raiding houses and stabbing people to death the casualties in Dacca have risen to ten killed by this evening. The total casualties including last night were unofficially estimated at 16-killed and 35-injured.

A continuous 48-hour curfew has been proclaimed in the worst affected areas of Dacca and a dusk-to-dawn curfew in the rest of the city, where sporadic disturbances, which started on August 20, flared up again yesterday. Several people in central Dacca were reported to have fired in self-defence. Casualties from such clashes were today estimated at three killed and nine injured.

The outbreak in Dacca, following two weeks of quiet, came just after Sir Frederick Burrows, Governor of Bengal, had completed a seven-day visit to the city.—Reuter.

## Troops Angry In Palestine

London, Dec. 2.

"I am aware of the very natural and proper resentment felt by members of the British Services in Palestine at the murderous attacks and outrages committed there," said Mr. Creech Jones, the Colonial Secretary, replying to a question in the House of Commons today adding: "All possible steps are being taken to bring the criminals to justice."

"The outrages are, I am sure, regarded by all decent people here and in Palestine as senseless and barbarous."

A Conservative member, Mr. R. Jennings, had asked whether he was aware of the "bitter feeling growing among our soldiers in Palestine about the shooting outrages there," and if he would assure the British troops everything would be done to impress this feeling on those responsible for such outrages.—Reuter.

Armed guards were posted at all official openings in Bratislava today as the trial opened before the People's Court there of Josef Tiso, the one-time Catholic Professor of Theology, who became "President" of the German-sponsored Slovak Republic during the occupation of Czechoslovakia.

The authorities ordered special precautions against hostile demonstrations at the trial. The public was banned from the court, although journalists were allowed to attend, and all railway passengers arriving in Bratislava were searched.

Tiso faces 111 charges, each of which may carry the death penalty.

Alexander Mach, who was his Minister of Propaganda, is facing trial with him and Dr. Ferdinand Durcansky, his Foreign Minister, is being tried in his absence.

The 213-page indictment accused Tiso of negotiating directly with Hitler and proclaiming the independent state of Slovakia and outlined the defendant's part in the declaration of war on Britain and the United States and the support he gave to Germany throughout the war.

The defence counsel contended that Tiso should be tried by an international court and also claimed parliamentary immunity for him. The counsel also claimed the arrest of Tiso in Germany, where he had sought refuge after the liberation of Czechoslovakia, was a breach of international law. Similar pleas were entered for Alexander Mach.

After an hour's consultation the court over-ruled all objections. It held that parliamentary immunity expired when the Slovak assembly was dissolved; that his extradition had been effected with the consent of the United States occupation authorities in Germany

and that the Czech court was competent to try the case.—Reuter.

## UNO H.Q. Proposals

Lake Success, Dec. 2.  
The United Nations sub-committee charged with recommending a permanent United Nations headquarters site today gave San Francisco and Philadelphia equal support with White Plains, New York, as "second choice."

The San Francisco site is the Presidio army base.

The Philadelphia site consists of two square miles on Belmont Plateau for office buildings, plus ten square miles nearby for living quarters.

Presidio, if Congress were willing, would be available at a nominal fee. White Plains would cost about US\$10,000,000.—United Press.

## Berkshire Tragedy Feared

London, Dec. 2.

Grave fears exist that the famous character actor and musical star, G. S. Melvin, has been drowned in a flooded river near his home at Wraysbury, Berkshire.

He has been missing from his home since last night when local residents reported hearing a man's cries "Save Me," from the direction of the heavily flooded Thames.

The cries were heard in the rain and darkness and it is thought that the man was swept away in the swift current.

The area is seriously flooded and at Old Windsor Lock, a short distance away, the river is at present seven feet above normal.

G. S. Melvin is 69 years of age. A hat which was recovered by the police from the river has been identified as belonging to him.—Reuter.

## Colonial Conferences

Lake Success, Dec. 2.

Brig-Gen. Carlos Romulo won what he told United Press was an "important victory" in the campaign to secure a greater voice in the United Nations for non-self-governing peoples of the world.

The Legal Committee, after a prolonged debate, approved by a vote of 27-0, with 12 abstentions, the legality of the Filipino resolution seeking to have members of the United Nations responsible for the administration of non-self-governing territories call "regional representative conferences" at which the dependent peoples themselves could voice their "traditions and aspirations."

The proposal requires approval by the Social and Humanitarian Committee and the General Assembly before it becomes effective.—United Press.

## Lampoon Show Censored

London, Dec. 2.

The Lord Chamberlain, Britain's stage censor, has heavily censored sketches and songs in a forthcoming show satirising the Labour Government.

Lord Clarendon, the Lord Chamberlain, objected to the song "The Left Honourable" which referred to Ministers by their first names and featured a few dropped hatchets.

Producers of the revue "Between Ourselves" have asked the Lord Chamberlain to review his decision and are hopeful of being able to use the material in modified form.—United Press.

## MOLOTOV GLAMOUR BOY

(Continued from Page 4)

At critical moments, the Soviet line changes intentionally. After months of stubborn fighting over Trieste against Byrnes and Bevin, Molotov has made a startling series of concessions which has broken the Trieste deadlock.

In his opening speech to the United Nations General Assembly, he gave Anglo-American Capitalist Imperialism a terrific beating. Not intimidated by his own words, he then predicted that the western countries and Communist Russia would be able to reconcile their disputes over such matters as control of the atomic bomb.

He topped off his oratory with a plan for getting to work on arms control.

Under the Russian's punches, the Americans and other delegations laboured groggily for hours trying to figure out what he was getting at and to decide what they should do about it. All this adds up to saying that Molotov frequently has the initiative in these diplomatic debates. That makes it tough for Byrnes and Bevin who spend much of their time trying to pin Molotov down on his objectives and then trying to persuade him to change his mind. He really wants what they want.

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## BRITISH HINT OF MYSTERY WEAPON

Lake Success, N.Y. Dec. 2. The British Attorney-General and delegate to the Political Committee of the United Nations General Assembly, Sir Hartley Shawcross, who today told the Committee that there were "even more terrible means of destruction" than the atom bomb, refused in an interview afterwards with Reuter to elaborate his statement.

He added, however, that it was known scientists were at work at this moment on means of destruction which might put the atom bomb in the second rank of war weapons.

Earlier, the Political Committee had heard Senator Tom Connally, of the United States, bluntly describe the Soviet proposal for disarmament as "too narrow and circumscribed."

Senator Connally argued that the Soviet proposal did not mention chemical weapons as jet planes, biological warfare and poison gas. "We insist that any agency of inspection and control of disarmament shall not be subject to the veto."

The Soviet delegate, Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky, immediately replied: "What do you want us to do in one resolution? We will do so. We will enumerate all weapons from first to last."

The Committee finally agreed to convene a sub-committee tomorrow to find a common basis between the many resolutions submitted.

Mr. Vyshinsky said that although the Soviet proposal contained the primary effect of disarmament, the plan would be prohibition of the use of atomic energy for war purposes. It was similar to the United States proposal, in which the atomic bomb was tentatively stressed.

He concluded by saying that the new American proposal merits the most serious attention and the Soviet delegation wanted time to consider it. "I therefore ask the debate not be closed at this stage."

Sir Hartley Shawcross (Britain) supported this, asking that a sub-committee be appointed to attempt to find a common basis between the numerous resolutions submitted.

M. Perad, of France, preferred to the discussion of one "big idea" which has not been sufficiently clarified. They are "phantom ideas." He thought it would be necessary before a disarmament convention could be established to provide a series of agencies, commissions and other bodies, which could be entrusted with its control.

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## More H.K. Chinese Repats

More than 800 China, Hong Kong and North China repatriates—sent as forced wartime labourers to Rabaul in New Britain during the war—will arrive here early next month.

Arrangements are being made by the Colony's social welfare section for them to stay in the To Yuen Hostel, recently evacuated by the 1,700 Chinese repatriates from Java.

Among them are one suspected war criminal and three war crimes witnesses.

During their sea voyage here the repatriates will be issued with clothing by UNRRA; a total of 15 bales and seven cases of garments have been allotted for their free distribution.

Citing the fact that many of these fresh repatriates are probably suffering from malaria and other illnesses, the ship will be inspected by medical officers and personnel at Rabaul and after their arrival here their bedding, feeding and sanitary conveniences will be removed from the ship and destroyed.

Repatriation efforts affecting Chinese in Rabaul have been under way since late last year, when the Chinese Minister to Australia reported their presence and asked that they be sent home. The Australian Government agreed to make arrangements for their travel with fare reimbursement by UNRRA.

## LUGGERS LOST

Sydney, Dec. 2. In the worst cyclonic blow since 1922, four privately-owned pearling luggers and two island Industries Company cutters were reported lost in the Torres Straits during the weekend.

United Press. A severe penalty would in future be imposed.

## Warning To Boatmen

When two boatmen and four boat mistresses were brought before the Marine Court yesterday for lying inshore at night without permission.

Inspector Ryder, the Magistrate, asked the prosecuting officer, Inspector Clarke of the Waterfront Unit, whether it was due to fear of robbery in the harbour. The reply was that there had been no robbery or attempt at robbery reported and that Police launches were constantly on patrol. The defendants had given the excuse that the wind was against them or that they were unable to obtain towage.

Inspector Clarke suspected that a more probable reason was a manoeuvre for position to enable them to get back to the Police Wharf in the morning.

Condemned, Ryder said, this practice must stop and in future each defendant \$10, seven days warned them that a

## Greece Asking For U.N. Investigation

Paris, Dec. 2. Dr. Constantin Tsaldaris, Greek Premier, was detained in Paris tonight by bad weather on his way to New York where he is to put Greece's complaint to the United Nations of interference in her affairs by foreign states.

Interviewed here he said he would discuss the financial and economic problems facing Greece and the situation on her Macedonian border.

"Greece will ask for a United Nations Commission to be sent to our country to investigate the position on our frontiers," the Premier said.

"They can see for themselves whether the Greek Government is telling the truth or Yugoslavs, Bulgarians and Albanians," he added.

"Then the United Nations can take the necessary measures."

**Reparations Claim**  
Dr. Tsaldaris went on: "Not as charity or as a loan but as a matter of justice Greece needs help for reconstruction. We do not speak about plans. We can be helped by reparations—by payments from our ex-enemies who caused the destruction in Greece—Bulgarians or Italians, or Germans. If we need, for example, one billion dollars, surely we can get this from those three enemy nations."

"If you want to let seven or eight million people die there is

## Cold Wave Hits Coalless America

New York, Dec. 3. As America's coal piles dwindled fast came the impact of the first real winter weather of the year.

Throughout the eastern half of the United States, temperatures plunged downward an average of 20 degrees last night and New England prepared for a drop to sub-zero weather last night.

## Life In S'hai Today

Shanghai, Dec. 2. The following letter in the "North China Daily News" from a Chinese correspondent signing himself "CHW" paints a very accurate picture of conditions facing the wage-earner in Shanghai today:

"You can imagine my surprise and consternation when I received from the Bureau of Finance a bill calling for the payment of a sum well in excess of a quarter of a million dollars being my 'house tax' for the autumn quarter plus a so-called 'reconstruction tax'."

"Apparently, according to the views of the Municipal Government there is no necessity for the people to live and eat nowadays, so long as Government officials are kept clothed and fed at the expense of the public, who have been groaning under their burden."

"Like myself, the majority of people are wage earners, who nowadays live from hand to mouth. We are not fortunate enough to be placed in the category of landlords, but we are compelled to pay unreasonable and Nazi-like taxes, many times more than were paid under the Japs and Wang chingwei."

"The officials are continually talking about forcing prices down—yet how can they? While on the one hand, they are 'talking big' they themselves are forcing prices up. House taxes are pushed up beyond comprehension. Salary taxes (income tax) are pushed up beyond reason."

"The Government urges people not to listen to the persuasions of the Communists, yet, at the same time, they are forcing the people to Communism, which is most feared by the Government. We are asked to be patient and to endure, but our patience is exhausted and we can endure no more."

"There are whispers of a general strike to oppose this Nazi-like oppression. I don't know if there is any truth in these but for one, I think that, if the present system continues unchanged, a general strike movement will receive very hearty and widespread support."

—Reuter.

**Well-Planned Campaign**  
London, Dec. 3. The correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" reporting from Greece, said today that fighting in the northern border area is a well-planned campaign to cut off Western Macedonia and proclaim it a separate Slav state.

The correspondent said the rebels were gaining ground and trying to set up their own administration in areas they control.

He added: "If they are successful, recognition by Yugoslavia will follow quickly."

The "New Chronicle" commenting on the visit of the Greek Premier to the United Nations Council in New York, and the arrival of Field Marshal Montgomery in Athens, said: "This visit which is to last three days instead of one is regarded as particularly significant in the present critical situation."

**Liberal's Demand**  
Athens, Dec. 2. The gallery of the Greek Parliament was cleared tonight when Sophocles Venizelos, the leader of the Venizelist Liberals, who returned to Athens today from a tour of Macedonia, asked for a secret session to debate the situation in Northern Greece.

The chamber decided to discuss in camera whether or not to hold the debate in secret.

The Liberal leader urged the situation in Macedonia demanded the presence of Mr. Tsaldaris, the Prime Minister.—Reuter.

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**GARRISON RAID**  
Hanoi, Dec. 3. French sources report that Viet names on Saturday killed four French soldiers in an attack on the garrison at Do Son, a small French-held coastal resort south of Haiphong.—Associated Press.

## A GALLANT FIGHT

### Davis Cup Stars Fail To Shine

Melbourne, Dec. 2. Although three American Davis Cup pairs emerged from the second round of the Victoria championships, they were never convincing except Jack Kramer, although even he and Frederick Schroeder repeatedly encountered trouble during their long second and third sets against Denny Pails and Brodie.

Pails' inconsistency is believed to cost him any chance of partnering John Bromwich in the Challenge Round.

Bromwich played a ruthless games in both singles and doubles in excellent form. Geoffrey Brown, by his defeat in the singles by Crawford, lost his chance of inclusion in the Australian defending team.

In the singles, Colin Long beat Bill Talbot, 3-6, 6-1, 7-5, 6-2; Denny Pails beat Harry Hopman in a walkover; Bromwich beat R. McCarthy 6-0, 6-1, 6-0; Adrian Quist beat G. Worthington, 7-5, 6-1, 8-6; Crawford beat Geoffrey Brown 4-6, 7-5, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.

In the doubles: Tom Brown and Frank Parker beat G. Worthington and G. Sedgman 3-6, 6-4, 1-6, 6-4; Jack Kramer and Frederick Schroeder beat Denny Pails and Lionel Brodie 6-2, 10-8, 13-11; John Bromwich and Colin Long beat J. Gilchrist and J. Dart 6-1, 6-2, 6-3; Gardner Mulloy and Bill Talbot beat Jack Crawford and Charles Sidwell 2-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-2.—United Press.

### M.C.C.'s Big Task In First Test

Brisbane, Dec. 3. In reply to Australia's total of 645, England scored 117 for the loss of five wickets in the first Test match here and so, with two of the six days remaining for play, will require 329 to avoid a follow-on.

Conditions have changed considerably since Australia batted and while England was fighting a resolute battle to stave off defeat, a second violent thunderstorm within 24 hours broke over Brisbane today and brought play to a quick end for the day.

Within 15 minutes the whole ground was under water and cricket was limited to three hours and five minutes today. It nevertheless has been a memorable day's cricket with England forced to bat on a real sticky wicket, but they gave the Australians a lesson how to play such conditions.

Australia's three pace bowlers made the ball run alarmingly at times and Edrich in particular must be black and blue from being hit so often.

For an hour and three quarters, he stuck it out and with Compton raised the total to 49, Washbrook having gone after being struck on the head.

**Fighting Stand**  
Disasters followed Edrich's grand effort coming to an end without an addition and at the same total 100 left. All five wickets so far had fallen to Keith Miller, wartime night-fighter pilot, who, playing in his first Test, proved a great all-rounder.

Hammond and Yardley, in an all amateur stand, remained together for the rest of the time that play was possible and so far added 61 to the total in a great fighting display.

The pitch was certainly less hostile for them but in view of the subsequent storm which caused the wicket covers to disappear beneath the rain which covered the ground, there is certain to be another difficult wicket tomorrow if play is able to be continued.

**Lindwall III**  
Today's attendance was 11,800 with receipts at £2,110. So far, 66,000 have watched the play with the total receipts at £12,590.

Ray Lindwall, the Australian bowler, was taken to a military hospital with a attack of malaria today. He is not expected to be fit for tomorrow but will probably play on Thursday, if there is any cricket.

Lindwall left the field last season owing to this complaint following four years of service in New Guinea.

The scores: **AUSTRALIA 1st INNINGS**  
S.G. Barnes, c. Bedser, b. Wright 31  
A. Morris, c. Hammond, b. Bedser 2  
D.G. Bradman, b. Edrich 187  
A.L. Hassett, c. Yardley, b. Bedser 128  
K. Miller, lbw, b. Wright 79  
C. McCool, lbw, b. Wright 95  
I. Johnson, lbw, b. Wright 47  
D. Tallon, lbw, b. Edrich 14  
R. Lindwall, c. Voce, b. Wright 81  
G. Tribe, c. Gubb, b. Edrich 1  
E. Tossack, not out 1  
Extras (15: LB11, W2, NB11) 29

Total 645  
Fall of wickets: 1-9, 2-46, 3-322, 4-428, 5-465, 6-599, 7-599, 8-329, 9-643.

**England Bowling**  
O. M. R. W.  
Voce 28 9 92 0  
Bedser 41 4 159 2  
Wright 43.6 4 187 5  
Edrich 25 2 107 3  
Yardley 13 1 47 0  
Lkin 2 0 24 0  
Compton 6 0 20 0

**ENGLAND 1st INNINGS**  
L. Hutton, b. Miller 7  
C. Washbrook, c. Barnes, b. Miller 8  
W.J. Edrich, c. McCool, b. Miller 18  
D. Compton, lbw, b. Miller 17  
W.R. Hammond, not out 20  
J.T. Ikin, c. Tallon, b. Miller 9  
N.D.W. Yardley not out 25  
Extras (8: LB3, W2, NB3) 16  
Total (for five wickets) 117  
Fall of wickets: 1/10, 2/25, 3/45, 4/50, 5/66.

**Australia Bowling**  
O. M. R. W.  
Lindwall 12 4 23 0  
Miller 17 3 44 5  
Tossack 12 9 10 0  
Tribe 9 2 19 0  
McCool 1 0 5 0  
—Reuter.

**H.K.F.A. MEETING**  
The monthly meeting of the Football Association of the Hong Kong Football Association will be held on Tuesday in the Association's offices at 5.30 p.m.

Items on the agenda include the draws for the Second Round of the Challenge Shield and the International Charity Cup Competition.

**ARMY HOCKEY**  
The final of the Army Hockey Tournament is to be played at Shamshuip at 10.00 o'clock this afternoon.

It is understood that H.E. C.O.C. Major-General P.W. Feilding will present the prizes.

Selling and arrangements for these will be made at the Club House according to the number of members present.

## Yacht Club Handed Back By Services

The Blue Ensign and Barge of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club were hoisted over Kellet Island on Sunday, Dec. 1, and on the island Ah Mow appeared repleat in uniform and peaked cap. These were about the only outward and visible signs to mark the completion of what has been a gradual takeover of management of the Yacht Club from the Services to the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club.

The United Services Club was formed last March with the one purpose of reviving sailing in the Colony and carrying on until such time as sufficient R.H.K.Y.C. members have returned to the Colony and the club was in a position to take over again.

The Yacht Club's aim was always to see that the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club should be re-established as early as possible. This should have been done in just a few months is due partly to the kindness of the returning R.H.K.Y.C. members and the help of the United Services Club.

Members of the United Services Club now automatically become members of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club.

Saturday was perhaps the best day's sailing last weekend—Sunday's attendance suffered rather from the counter attraction of the Happy Valley and many members who forgot the changed times of boat routines. There were good winds over the weekend and 17 dinghies raced on Saturday afternoon in a fresh wind from Kellet to Kowloon Rock and back with a final lap round Cuck Rock. This long course was completed in just over two hours. Detailed results follow.

**Results of Helmsman's Cup Series**  
1. Walton A. 78  
2. Meek 76  
3. Henson 74  
4. Sedgwick P. 61  
5. Lapper W. 59  
6. Worham 57  
7. McWhorter 48  
8. Howard 46  
9. Walton K. 44  
10. Furlong 43  
11. (Melrod) 41  
12. (Melrod) 40  
13. Andrews 37  
14. Manana 35

Sunday morning's race was a long one with a moderate wind—3 times round a course from Kellet Island to 512 buoy and Cuck Rock—and took over 4 hours to complete. Results were:

**Results of Helmsman's Cup Series**  
1. Tyne (Lapper & Horn) 2:18.45  
2. Duke of York I (A. Walton & B. Sedgwick) 2:14.10  
3. Blue (Meek & Southwell) 2:14.10  
4. Stonecutters III (Fisher & Mrs. Fisher) 2:14.50  
5. Bonaventure I (Horne) 2:15.10  
6. Black (McLeod & Mrs. McLeod) 2:15.90  
7. Commodore II (Furlong & Sedgwick) 2:21.30  
8. Adamant I (Worham & Laker) 2:24.10  
9. Grera (Howard & Gordon) 2:24.10  
10. Stonecutters II (Sedgwick & Sedgwick) 2:27.00  
11. Adamant II (K. Walton & Mrs. Rutherford) 2:29.20  
12. Duke of York II (Manana) 2:30.00

Four of the Stars were sailed down to Kellet on Saturday afternoon and showed their liveliness in a fresh wind. The four were "Daphne" (Horne), "Deneb" (Herriek), "Benetmush" (Lapper) and "Atair" (Howitt) and took about 45 minutes against a head wind and tide. On Sunday the same four Stars sailed over a triangular course under race conditions to try them out, and crossed the finishing line in the following order:

**Results of Helmsman's Cup Series**  
1. Daphne (Howitt) 1:00.05  
2. Benetmush (Meek) 1:01.00  
3. Deneb (Horne) 1:01.40  
4. Atair (Horne) 1:01.05  
all the Stars will need a lot of adjustments before they can be raced as a class but credit goes to the club Boatsman, Mr. Wheeler, for the progress made to date.

Two more "Bellatrix" and "Phoenix" will be ready this week. There was a short, sweet race for dinghies on Sunday afternoon, the first two places again going to Ships officers—the results were:

**Results of Helmsman's Cup Series**  
1. Cockade (Herriek & Laker) 1:11.10  
2. Adamant III (Horne & Furlong) 1:11.10  
3. Commodore II (Fisher & Mrs. Fisher) 1:20.00  
4. Duke of York I (Melrod & Sedgwick) 1:22.45  
5. Bonaventure I (Horne) 1:24.10 (Miss Dred) Disqualified.

There will be dinghy races for Club and Ship's dinghies next weekend on Saturday afternoon (1.15 from Queen's Pier). Sunday morning (9.45 Queen's Pier) and Sunday afternoon (12.45 Queen's Pier). The Sunday morning race is now open to all as the Helmsman's series has finished. Six Stars will also be available for

## F.A. CUP DRAW

London, Dec. 2. The Football Association Cup draw for the second round resulted:

South Liverpool v. Carlisle.  
Lincoln v. Wrexham.  
Oldham v. Doncaster or Accrington.

Rotherham v. York or Southport.  
Rochdale v. Hartlepool.  
Darlington v. Hull or New Brighton.

Notts County v. Swindon.  
Barrow or Halifax v. Stockport.  
Merthyr v. Reading.  
Gateshead v. Lancaster City.  
Bristol City v. Gillingham.  
Yeovil or Peterborough v. Northampton.

Walsall v. Ipswich.  
Norwich v. Q.P.R. or Poole.  
Wellingborough v. Watford v. Port Vale.  
Barnet v. Southend U.  
Bournemouth v. Aldershot.

The winners enter the third round in which hitherto exempted clubs of the first, second and third divisions participate. This will be the first round of the "event" with 69 competing sides. The second round ties will be played on December 14.—Reuter.